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A FIERCE RAGING IN FLANDERS

British Troops Have Wrested Valuable Vantage Points From the Germans

FIGHTING ON A FRONT OF NEARLY SIX MILES

Concrete and Steel Redoubts and Shell Craters Teeming With Enemy Guns Were Unable to Stop the Charging British Troops—The Battle Continues With the Germans, Greatly Reinforced, Fighting Bitterly to Hold Back Further British Advances—British Naval Forces Again Bombarded Ostend Wednesday Afternoon—In Champagne the French Are Heavily Shelling the Positions of the German Crown Prince—Italians Are Carrying Out Successful Patrol Engagements Against the Austrians.

Field Marshal Haig's men again are striking in Flanders, and the force of their blow, like that of those that have preceded it, is meeting with good results on a front of nearly six miles. Notwithstanding the fact that the carrying of the battle to Crown Prince Rupprecht across uninvulnerable ground—virtually a no-man's-land—recent gains—and against the inevitable concrete and steel redoubts and woods and shell craters teeming with rapid fire guns, English, Scotch and Australian troops have snatched valuable vantage points from the Germans, but not without terrific opposition. The battle at last accounts was still raging, with the greatly reinforced Germans who had anticipated the new thrust, fighting with unusual bitterness to hold back further British advances or to recapture terrain already wrested from them. Haig's new thrust was delivered from the base of front line positions captured and consolidated last week, before which the Germans held numerous vantage points of strategic value, barring the way to further inroads by the British or for harassing the British line by machine gun and rifle bullets. As on previous occasions, Haig tossed a veritable inferno of artillery fire against the German positions, launching his attack in the early hours of Wednesday morning, and when night fell many important positions had been cleared of the enemy, but with the Germans at numerous other points

BANGUINE OF SUCCESS

OF IRISH CONVENTION

Hopeful Statement by Sir Horace Plunkett, the Chairman.

Cork, Tuesday, Sept. 25.—"We are getting on and all we want is a fair opportunity to perform the work for which we are appointed," said Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the Irish convention, at the luncheon given the members of the convention today by the harbor board. "The convention," said Sir Horace, "has made me hope as I never hoped before, that I shall live to see a change of heart out of which a new Ireland will be born. I hope to hear all Irishmen say, 'My country is my country' and in the larger patriotism 'My God is my God'." Sir Horace outlined the objects of the convention, the working of the convention, it has made possible, he said, "the utmost frankness and expression of opinion between the members which, if they knew it were to be made public, would not be expressed."

The absence so far of any hostile demonstration by the British, who opposed the convention is believed by many to augur well for its ultimate success.

CONGRESSMAN EBENEZER J. HILL IS DEAD

End Came Peacefully at 2:15 This Morning.

Norwalk, Conn., Sept. 27.—Congressman Ebenezer J. Hill died at his home here this morning at 2:15 after an illness of several weeks. The end came peacefully after a painful sinking spell early last evening which was succeeded by a painless interval during which he died.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT VISITED CAMP GRANT

Addressed 20,000 Men on Preparedness and Pacifists.

Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., Sept. 26.—Preparedness and pacifists claimed equal share of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's attention in an address here today to nearly 20,000 men of the Eighty-Sixth Division of the national army. Included in his speech was the plea that his hearers, when they have begun in Europe, become apostles of universal military service. During his stay of less than two hours, the colonel was whirled in a motor car through nearly ten miles of cantonment streets, viewed one of the barracks, inspected several amusement places built for the recruits, delivered a fervid half hour speech and within ten minutes of its conclusion was aboard his special train, bound for Chicago.

Cabled Paragraphs

Vatican Denies a Report. Rome, Tuesday, September 25 (By A. P.).—The Vatican denies reports that Pope Benedict intends to make proposals for peace negotiations involving mediation by King Alfonso of Spain.

STATEMENT CONCERNING MILITARY OPERATIONS. First of a Series to be issued by the American Government.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The American government's first official statement concerning military operations in Europe was issued tonight by Secretary Baker, inaugurating a series which in time will be devoted largely to criticism of the United States expeditionary forces. It says that while ascendancy on the west front has passed definitely to the allies, they are content merely to wear down the enemy until the force of the American army makes itself felt in the field.

Operations for the week ending September 25, as reviewed by Mr. Baker, without reference to the American forces, were as follows: "The following statement dealing with military activities in Europe for the week ending September 25: 'As the time draws near when military operations on a large scale on the western front are expected to standstill, owing to the approach of winter, it becomes evident that the enemy does not feel himself in a position to undertake the much-advertised offensive action so often boasted by the German press. In order to end the war victoriously by Christmas, the German high command has decided to make the ascendancy in the west have passed definitely to the allies, although the western front is still in a position to wear down the enemy, giving no rest or respite until such a time as the force of our army may make itself felt in the field.'

LA FOLLETTE A SINISTER Foe of Democracy So Classed by Roosevelt in Speech at Chicago Last Night.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Declaring Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, to be the "most sinister foe of democracy in this country," Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in a speech on "The Most Sinister Foe of Democracy" here tonight denounced pacifists and unpreparedness.

On the other front, except in the Champagne and Verdun sectors of the line in France, no hostilities of great importance are in progress. Before Verdun the big guns again are roaring in a mighty duel, evidently the forerunner of further big infantry operations in the near future. In Champagne the French are heavily shelling the positions of the German crown prince with the German artillery answering them energetically.

HUNGER STRIKE RESULTED IN DEATH OF A SINN FEINER Thomas Ashe, Who Commanded the Rebels at Ashbourne in 1916.

Dublin, Sept. 26.—Thomas Ashe, a Sinn Féin leader who died in a hospital here as the result of a hunger strike upon which he entered some time ago, was buried today. Ashe commanded the rebels in the Easter riots at Ashbourne in 1916, when several members of the constabulary were killed. He was sentenced to penal service for life but was released last June under the amnesty act. He was arrested in 1916 and sentenced by court martial to a year's imprisonment for a seditious speech, but immediately on being released he began a hunger strike which resulted in his death.

ARE SUBMARINES LOSING THEIR EFFECTIVENESS? Less British Ships Sunk Last Week Than Any Since Ruthless Warfare Started.

London, Sept. 26.—Thirteen British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over, and two vessels of less than 1,600 tons, were sunk by mines or submarines last week, according to the weekly statement issued this evening. The aggregate this week is the smallest since German submarines began their one week since German submarines began their intensified submarine warfare last February. Two fishing vessels also were sunk last week.

MORE THAN 200 GERMANS TO BE ARRESTED IN NEW YORK For Entering Zones Barred to Enemy Aliens—Round Up Still in Progress.

New York, Sept. 26.—A round-up of German-Americans in the five boroughs of Greater New York who have violated the terms of permits granted them to enter zones barred to enemy aliens or who have gone into these districts without permits was begun late today by the harbor board. Police officers co-operating with officers of the navy. It was said more than 200 were arrested and taken into custody.

FOUR WHITE MEN TARRED AND FEATHERED For Inciting Labor Troubles in Rice Fields of Arkansas.

Stuttgart, Ark., Sept. 26.—Four white men, believed to be I. W. W. agents, were taken from the county jail today by a mob of 60 farmers, who administered a whipping and applied tar and feathers to each of the men. They were then given their clothes and started in a different direction with a warning not to return. The men were arrested yesterday on complaint of farmers that they were inciting laborers to cease work in the rice fields.

Denial by Mayor Smith of Phila. Cent Trolley Fare

OF ANY CONNECTION WITH THE POLITICAL FEUD

ANOTHER ARREST MADE ASKS FOR A HEARING

District Attorney Roten States: "We Are Getting Nearer to the Parties Higher Up"—Other Arrests Are Pending.

Philadelphia, Sept. 26.—A general denial by Mayor Thomas B. Smith of charges of conspiracy to murder in connection with the killing of a policeman in the police car case, was made in the fifth ward here a week ago, the arrest and alleged confession of James Clark, one of two men charged with leading the "gunmen" through the ward; the announcement by District Attorney Roten that "we are getting nearer to the parties higher up" and the indictment of three men held in New York, furnished the important developments today in the investigation of the political feud.

Taken From Train. Preceding the mayor's statement was one from the district attorney's office that Clark, a brother of a city detective, had been captured by detectives from that office on a train bound for New York as it crossed over the Pennsylvania line. Clark was being sought together with "Mike" O'Sullivan, said to be a former member of the New York assembly, who is alleged to have arranged the gunman's trip to this city.

Details of Clark's confession were withheld by Mr. Roten pending other arrests. He said that James Falcone, Fred Burkhardt, and Louis Brunell, under arrest in New York, were charged with conspiracy, conspiracy and aggravated assault and battery were returned by the September grand jury here today.

PROVISIONS OF SENATE ALIEN SLACKER BILL Subject of Negotiations Between the U. S. and Allied Governments.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Provisions of the senate alien slacker bill are now the subject of negotiations between the United States and the allied governments. Secretary of State Lansing here tonight denounced pacifists and unpreparedness.

Disapproval of several sections was voiced by the secretary and some members of the senate. The bill provides that protests against these provisions have come from the governments of the United States and the allied nations. Indications tonight were that the bill would be reported in a form of compromise, the subject of the secretary's negotiations.

BENNETT LEADING IN N. Y. MAYORALTY CONTEST He is Now 94 Votes Ahead of Mayor Mitchell on the Record.

New York, Sept. 27.—William M. Bennett took the lead in the contest for mayor of New York today, when he defeated Mayor Mitchell in the primary election. Bennett, who is now 94 votes ahead of Mitchell on the record.

GETTING AMERICAN AIR SERVICE INTO SHAPE Standards For Airplane Parts and Equipment Have Been Worked Out.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Rapid progress already made in getting the American air service into shape, the material aid to the allies on the fighting front will be further accelerated at a meeting of airplane manufacturers called for next week in Washington under the auspices of the aircraft production board.

Standards for airplane parts and equipment, worked out by the Society of Automotive Engineers, will be laid before the manufacturers for approval. They are expected to simplify greatly the task of obtaining quickly the things needed for the war effort. The standards will be applied to the things needed for the war effort. The standards will be applied to the things needed for the war effort.

Dr. Gallaudet was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1877. He was a deaf-mute. His father was the founder of the Gallaudet family. He was a deaf-mute. His father was the founder of the Gallaudet family. He was a deaf-mute. His father was the founder of the Gallaudet family.

He visited England and France to demonstrate his methods of teaching and was named a chevalier in the Legion of Honor. Trinity and Yale conferred the degree of doctor of laws upon him in 1911.

He was twice married and leaves three daughters, Miss Catherine Gallaudet, Mrs. W. B. Clark and Mrs. John W. Edgerton and three sons, Denison, Edson F. and the Rev. Herbert B. Gallaudet, now in the new national army.

Denison and Edson F. Gallaudet, mentioned above, are the helicopter inventors and builders who recently won the prize of \$10,000 for the first flight while they were residents of this city. They now reside in Providence, R. I.

Linus Tryon Fenn, 78 years old, died at the Hartford hospital tonight from injuries caused several days ago when his automobile hit a carriage in which he was riding. Mr. Fenn was born in Hartford, Conn., and lived nearly all his life in Hartford. He was the oldest member of St. John's lodge of the Free Masons, having been a member since 1885. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, the Sons of the American Revolution and was a Freemason in 1886. A son and a daughter survive.

Condensed Telegrams

The \$11,500,000,000 war bond measure is now a law.

A Siamese steamship court condemned six German steamships.

German military authorities have executed 30 residents of Ghent as spies.

The Lake Seamen's Union, which numbers 10,000 members, has voted to strike.

Farm machinery will be admitted into Mexico free of import duty after October 1.

Dave Abrams, one of the best known animal portrayers on the stage, died at Buffalo.

The American V. M. C. A. has leased the Richmond Hotel, Paris, for an officers' club.

Major Louis Locke Babcock, of Buffalo, was appointed a brigadier-general by Governor Whitman.

A complete investigation of the Mooney case in San Francisco was ordered by President Wilson.

Billy Sunday telegraphed to Secretary McAdoo that he will do all in his power to aid the Liberty Loan.

The Treasury Department announced subscriptions to the Russian loan have reached 3,900,000 rubles.

A. Stope, formerly French Minister to Serbia, was appointed to succeed Alexander Conty as French Minister at Pekin.

With President Wilson's signature the enemy trading bill will become a law. It has passed the Senate and the House.

One man was killed and more than a dozen injured in an explosion in a munition factory of the Newton plant at Lowell.

The Siamese Government has called for volunteers to fight in Europe. They will be commanded by officers trained in Belgium.

The Ludlow Manufacturing Associates, at Springfield, Mass., announced a substantial increase in wages for their 2,300 employees.

A Texas widow has given six sons and six daughters to the nation. The sons are in the army and the daughters are in the Red Cross.

Bavaria has sent a separate reply to the Pope's peace proposals. The emperor is said to be keeping in keeping with that sent by Berlin.

A four year old daughter of Nicholas Bech, a prominent farmer of New Fairfield, died yesterday of infantile paralysis, after a week's illness.

Secretary Baker announced that the Government has not bought and has no intention of buying \$500,000 worth of sodium nitrate as a war reserve.

The Federal Trade Commission decided to give to the newspaper publishers all records in the agreement of last March to cut the price of paper.

The invitation of the British and French nations to congress to visit the French and British fronts was declined owing to the inopportune time.

A report circulated throughout Camp Dix, N. J., indicates that Kingdon, a British officer, has been captured and is being held by the Germans.

An American Army officer in France offers 10 cents and a night's rest to the first man capturing a German officer. He considers the Germans very cheap.

A scheme for the immediate purchase of the United Railroads by the City of San Francisco was presented to Mayor Rolph, Jr., by officials of the road.

H. Herman Harjes, of the banking firm of Morgan, Harjes & Co., resigned as high commissioner of the American Red Cross Society for France and Belgium.

A mission consisting of 50 people to go to Russia to enlighten the people on the war was decided by the executive council of the American Alliance for Labor.

Owing to the shortage of male help, Postmaster Costello, of Springfield, Mass., announced that women will be employed as extra during the Christmas holidays.

Manuel de Freyre y Santander, charge d'affaires at Washington from Peru since March, 1916, was appointed as high commissioner of the country, to succeed Frederico Pezet.

Two detectives of the Hamilton Detective Agency were sentenced to five years in the Atlanta penitentiary for keeping sailors overdue and then turning them in as deserters.

Due to the rush of so many aliens to swear allegiance to the United States this year it is necessary to hold naturalization sessions in two courts in Boston for five days a week.

General Jose Gomez, ex-president of Cuba, and leader of the liberal revolution, was released from jail and sent to a plantation, owing to his ill health.

Manuel Neumoier, a bandman attached to the 13th United States Infantry, was sentenced to three years imprisonment and fined \$3,000 for injuring a Japanese tradesman, while intoxicated at Nagasaki.

CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING TO BRIBE EXEMPTION BOARD William H. Roberts of Milford Held in \$10,000 Bonds.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 26.—William H. Roberts, son of wealthy Milford parents, is held by the federal authorities on a charge of attempting to bribe the exemption board.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 27.—After an early morning conference, union leaders announced that the 3,700 men of the Norfolk navy yard now on a strike would return to work today.

Dr. Smith turned the matter over to the department of justice. He was arrested at his home last night.

WILL BE DEFECENCY IN NATIONAL ARMY

Because of Transfers to Fill Gaps in the Seventeen National Guard Divisions

DEFINITE FIGURES ARE NOT NOW AVAILABLE

At Least 137,000 of the National Army Will be Taken to Bring the National Guard Divisions Up to War Strength

—100,000 of National Army Will Go to the Air Service, and as Many More to Other Special Services—Whether Incomplete Divisions Will be Formed or Whether a Call for More Men Will be Issued Has Not Been Indicated.

Washington, Sept. 26.—There is little doubt now that a large deficiency of men will be shown when the first increment of the national army—687,000 men—has been mobilized. While the sixteen national divisions will be brought up to war strength and several special service forces organized out of this reservoir, so the number of drafted men remaining at the cantonments hardly will be sufficient to organize the sixteen national divisions and several special service forces. Whether incomplete divisions will be formed or whether a call for more men will be issued has not been indicated.

Secretary Baker said today that the possible figures as to the number of national army men it would be necessary to transfer to the national guard are not yet available.

The fighting strength of the new division is now fixed at 27,500 men. The United States now is leading the world in shipbuilding and in the production of war material.

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